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SUBJECT: GETTING READY FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(HRC) MEETING: ALTERNATIVE WAYS AND MEANS FOR
IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS (L.17)

1. AUSTRALIAN MISOFF (LAMB) TOLD MISOFF JANUARY 16 THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SUGGESTING TO UPCOMING HRC MEETING
THAT THE SUB-COMMISSION BE GIVEN A NEW MANDATE TO STUDY AND
REPORT TO THE HRC ON THE SUBSTANCE OF L.17. REMEMBERING THAT
THE ORIGINAL MANDATE OF THE SUB-COMMISSION (PARA 13 OF D
DOC E/1371, THE REPORT OF THE HRC TO ECOSOC, OF JUNE 21, 1949)
CALLED ON THE SUB-COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPLICATION OF THE
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UDHR), AND THAT THE SUB-
COMMISSION HAS NEARLY COMPLETED THE ITEMS OF THE UDER, THE
AUSTRALIAN SUGGEST THAT SUCH A NEW MANDATE WOULD 1) KEEP THE
UN FROM HASTY PRIORITY-SETTING IN THE DELICATE AREA OF CHOOSING
BETWEEN "GROUP" AND "INDIVIDUAL", ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL,
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, 2) GIVE TIME TO CONSIDER SUCH
STICKY QUESTIONS AS THE MEANING OF "SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATIONAL
RESOURCES," AND 3) PROTECT THE SUB-COMMISSION FROM ITS
ENEMIES BY GIVING IT A MANDATE THAT INTERESTS THE NON-
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ALIGNED AND THAT THE SOCIALIST BLOC CAN HARDLY OPPOSE.
AUSTRALIAN REPORTS HE HAS TESTED IDEA ON SOBHY (EGYPTIAN
MISOFF), WHO WAS ONE OF ARCHITECTS OF L.17, AND THAT HE
LIKED IT.
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